

**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Key West Bureau - February 1982

**I. GENERAL**

Two of the bureau's ongoing problems--shortage of operational space for present and future activities and staff housing or allowance to alleviate special housing and cost problems existing in Key West--were attacked this month as two headquarters' engineers arrived to prepare plans for expansion of the bureau's operational facilities and to study the economic situation (especially housing) and to evaluate potential housing sites tentatively approved by the Navy.

**II. OPERATIONS**

**A. Monitorial/Editorial**

Overall monitorability of Cuban mediumwave broadcasts on regular bureau coverage during February was mostly fair, intermittently good, rather than good or better. This was because broadcasts on the bureau's regular coverage were adversely affected during the same month by frequent changes in frequencies of bureau monitoring interest and by atmospheric interference. Some frequency changes by Cuban radio stations resulted in unusual interference to frequencies of monitoring interest, such as a deliberate increase in broadcast power by South Miami's "WNWS" on Radio Progreso's main frequency of 790 kHz. This forced bureau monitoring efforts to Radio Progreso's second and third best frequencies. The Radio Rebelde network also introduced almost daily efforts to upgrade its transmitting facility, resulting in constant searching for satisfactory monitorability of the network's broadcasts.

There are indications that Cuba will continue the 2-month effort to upgrade its broadcast facilities on the standard broadcast band and that this will result in a continued effort by bureau monitors to find frequencies which will provide the best monitorability of broadcasts on regular coverage.

The monitorability of the bureau's other areas of coverage--the English-speaking Caribbean, especially--was slightly better than usual.

**B. Communications**

The Mexican press agency, NOTIMEX, was out for a total of 3 days.

### C. Technical

1. Antennas: A second "long-wire" antenna with improved impedance matching and a shielded ground was installed. Results so far indicate that the new antenna tends to round out the bureau's cruising and coverage possibilities with a particular emphasis on western Cuba, the Bahamas, on mediumwave, and Grenada on higher shortwave. One of the main lobes of the antenna, at least over the lower half of the standard broadcast band, runs through the Cayman Islands, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The antenna also improves the reception of signals of interest around 3 and 4mHz from the Caribbean, Central America and the northern tier of South American countries. Efforts continue to determine the full potential of the antenna.

2. Equipment: The cleanup and reorganization of the TV video and audio distribution rack and patch panel was completed and as a result monitors can now carry out their normal routine without the need to get up to change patch cords. In addition, a more rational and consistent patch panel layout facilitates making the proper connections for less routine operations, such as the simultaneous recording of different programs, equipment substitution, etc.

### III. VISITS

Headquarters' engineers, [redacted] arrived STAT on 17 February to do the studies necessary for preparation of plans to double the size of the bureau's operations building and to survey the economic/housing situation of Key West. During this visit, the engineers, together with the bureau chief, visited Commander Taylor, who is the head of the Public Works Department at the Boca Chica Naval Air Station. [redacted] left Key West on 24 February STAT

Attachment:

Production Report

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982  
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TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 107,720  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 17,250  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 405

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	3,665 min.	15,120 min.	20 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
 (publishable words per month)

BAHAMAS			
Nassau Domestic Service in English	---		
Nassau The Tribune in English			600
BARBADOS			
Bridgetown CANA in English			
Bridgetown Advocate-News in English		39,310	580
Bridgetown Sunday Advocate-News in English			---
BELIZE			
Belize City Domestic Service in English	560		
CUBA			
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	29,180		
Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish	27,440		
Havana Voice of Cuba to North America and the Caribbean in English			
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
Santo Domingo Radio Mil Network in Spanish	960		
DOMINICA			
Roseau Domestic Service in English	---		

GRENADA  
St Georges Domestic Service in English

1,060

JAMAICA  
Kingston Domestic Service in English  
Kingston Daily Gleaner in English  
Kingston Sunday Gleaner in English

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950  
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MEXICO  
Mexico City NOTIMX in Spanish

7,080